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SUBJ: ARRIVAL CALL ON MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

1. ACCOMPANIED BY EMBASSY PROTOCOL OFFICER, I PAID MY
ARRIVAL CALL ON MINEXTAFF PAUL ADDERLEY THE MORNING
OF DEC. 17. DURING A CORRECT AND COURTEOUS 45-MINUTE
CONVERSATION, ADDERLEY REFRAINED FROM RAISING ANY
SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES. HE DID, HOWEVER, EXPOUND AT LENGTH
ON HIS NOW FAMILIAR VIEWS ABOUT BAHAMAS' POPULATION
"TIMEBOMB", DEPENDENCE ON TOURISM AND THE LIMITED CAPACITY
OF ECONOMY TO DIVERSIFY.

2. MY INITIAL IMPRESSION OF ADDERLEY IS THAT HE IS VERY
INTENSE AND CUNNINGLY INTELLIGENT. HIS OFTEN ONLY SLIGHTLY
VEILED RESENTMENT OF THE U.S. SHOWED UP IN SUCH WAYS AS
HIS DESCRIPTION OF THE BAHAMAS AS A "CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC
SUBURB OF MIAMI" AND HIS CLAIM THAT NEARLY ALL TOURIST-
GENERATED INCOME IS SPENT BY BAHAMIANS IN FLORIDA.
ALTHOUGH THE SUBJECT DID NOT COME UP IN OUR CONVERSATION,
HIS PERSONAL INTEREST IN LOS MATTERS WAS MADE AMPLY CLEAR
BY THE FACT THAT HIS OFFICE WALLS WERE DECORATED WITH
SEVERAL MAPS SHOWING SEABED CONTOURS, ECONOMIC ZONES AND
VARIOUS FORMULATIONS OF THE BAHAMIAN ARCHIPELAGO.

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